

Giving Science a Good Rap

In response to pop icon Jimmy Buffett's song "Math Sucks" (Random Samples, 11 June, p. 1763), we would like to provide a more positive take on science and music. As Rhymin' Ryan MC Squared and DJ Alfa Helix, we are pleased to introduce the art of putting science into rhyme with our chemistry rap music group, SHM: Simple Harmonix in Motion. The freedom to express is a virtue—while Buffett has his music, SHM also has ours. By creating raps about chemical reactions and science wonders, we at SHM feel that our music has more to offer in the sense of letting people know that "science is cool." With the production of our first chemistry rap single, "Drop da Base (And PUMP UP da pH!)," our audiences not only get an introduction to acid-base chemistry but also an open invitation to engage in the world of science that is so much a part of our everyday lives. SHM performs chemistry rap music for all people to enjoy: college talent shows, family science nights, inner city schools, the general public, and friends all around the world. In the spirit of research, SHM is dedicated to creating tomorrow's science music through the fusion of chemistry and rap. The experiment of this next wave in music starts out by challenging our listeners with questions such as "Who is socially acceptable to be a rapper?" and "Who is socially acceptable to be a scientist?" An open mind for scientific rhymes will let us answer with a question: "Why not everybody?" Science deserves a good rap, and SHM will continue to provide free demos and free rap performances for fans in the name of cool science.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The issue number of the issue of 30 July was incorrect on the cover and the spine. The correct issue number is 5428. The Web address of the Technical Comments in that issue, as described in This Week in *Science* (p. 639), should have been "www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/285/5428/639a."

The satellite image accompanying the News Focus article by Pallava Baglia "Indian scientists question government grip on data" (30 July, p. 659) was incorrectly rotated 90 degrees clockwise.

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